

NINER

WINE ESTATES

2013
GSM
ESTATE GROWN

WINEMAKER
Patrick Muran

CLONES
362, 247, ALBAN, 174

ROOT STOCK
1103P

HARVEST DATES
September 16th - October 10th

AVERAGE YIELDS
3.9 TPA

AVERAGE BRIX
27.3°

PH / TA
3.3/ 7.0 g/L

ALCOHOL
15.1%

VINEYARD BLEND
100% Heart Hill

VARIETAL BLEND
50% Syrah, 31% Grenache,
19% Mourvedre

COOPERAGE
French Oak
20% New Oak

BARREL AGING
18 months

CASES PRODUCED
500

RETAIL PRICE
\$30



SITE

The grapes for this wine were grown at Heart Hill Vineyard in the Willow Creek District of Paso Robles and is named for the naturally occurring grove of oak trees in the shape of heart facing 46 West. The vineyard is composed almost entirely of south-facing, hillside plantings on steep rocky slopes of primarily siliceous shale. The growing season is long due to the ocean breezes that whip through the Templeton Gap in the Santa Lucia Mountain Range to the west and offer a consistent afternoon cooling effect.

IN THE VINEYARD

2013 was the driest year ever recorded. Early and often irrigation sets were necessary to carry us through the 2013 vintage, and dry soil profiles meant early bud break, bloom and harvest. Milder temperatures coupled with the maturing of our young blocks lead to much more complexity in our wines across the board.

IN THE WINERY

Each varietal went through fermentation and barrel-aging independently, gaining individualistic characteristics. Winemaking here came about during blending trials, when the bulkiness of the Syrah begged for balance from a hefty dose of Grenache and some spice from Mourvedre. These additions balanced out the wine and gave it soft, floral & feminine fruit notes on the nose while retaining structure and acid on the finish.

TASTING NOTES

As you pour it into your glass, this translucent wine pops with black cherry & strawberry aromatics layered with vanilla bean. The palate has a silken & luxurious mouthfeel full of lush red fruits, plush tannins & soft acidity that is instantly gratifying.